

John P. Tolman

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, founded in 1863, is North America's oldest existing labor organization. On January 1, 2004, a merger between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the 1.4-million member International Brotherhood of Teamsters took effect, and the BLET became the founding member of the Teamsters Rail Conference. The BLET celebrated its 150th anniversary on May 8, 2013.

EDUCATION

Anna Maria College, Paxton, Massachusetts Masters Degree in Business Administration

Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing, with a concentration in Transportation

WORK HISTORY

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

Vice President & National Legislative Representative

2006-present

Elected to represent the national union in all legislative, political and regulatory areas. Testified before several Congressional Committees and Regulatory agencies on numerous occasions regarding regulatory, legislative and safety issues.

Legislative & Political Director

2004-2006

Represented the national union regarding legislative and political issues in Washington, D.C.

Chief of Staff

2001-2006

Served as the organization's Chief of Staff in the National Headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. Supervised all staff members and coordinated departmental activities under the National President. Involved in negotiations; research; political, legislative and regulatory issues as assigned.

Special Representative

1996-2001

Served as Coordinator of Education & Training; Coordinator of Safety Task Force, working with the National Transportation Safety Board on accident investigations; researching issues; and troubleshooting for the BLET in various geographical areas.

Massachusetts State Legislative Board Chairman

1992-1996

Elected to represent BLE members in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, regarding legislative and political issues.

Locomotive Engineer

1974-1996

Served as a locomotive engineer for New York Central Railroad, Penn Central Railroad, Conrail, MBTA, MBCR, Boston & Maine Railroad and Amtrak operating trains in accordance with Federal Railroad Administration regulatory requirements and railroad operating rules.

Locomotive Fireman

1971-1974

Hired as a locomotive fireman by the New York Central Railroad.

Alderman

Melrose, Massachusetts

1996-1997

Elected to an At-Large position, Chairman of the Finance Committee

Chairman, Melrose Democratic Committee

1993-1996

World of Health, Owner/Vice President of Operations

1993-1995